Post Graduation Steps to Register as an ASW and Become an LCSW

Although the licensing requirements differ by state, here is an outline of the licensure process in California

1. Earn a Master of Social Work and complete additional coursework

   While the Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS) lists UCLA with "No Additional Courses Required," potential licensees are responsible for the pre-licensure content either by taking MSW courses that meet these requirements, or through continuing education courses (see partial list of providers below).

2. Register as an ASW with the BBS, including taking a live scan and passing a criminal background check.

3. Take and pass the California Law & Ethics Exam.

4. Complete an additional 3000 hours of supervised clinical experience in a work setting with a qualified supervisor.

5. File the ASWB License Application Packet.

6. Take and pass the Standard Written Exam.

7. Take and pass the Written Clinical Vignette Exam

Renew Your License

Once you become an LCSW, you must renew your license within the registration period by completing continuing education units (CEUs). This ongoing education ensures that you are continually meeting the high standards represented by your license.
What classes does the Department of Social Welfare offer with licensing content?

231G: Advanced Social Work Practice: Substance Abuse Intervention
15 seat hours per Board of Behavioral Sciences if chosen to accomplish outside MSW program

231J: Advanced Social Work Practice: Child Welfare
7 seat hours per Board of Behavioral Sciences if chosen to accomplish outside MSW program

231P: Advanced Social Welfare Practice: Gerontology
10 seat hours per Board of Behavioral Sciences if chosen to accomplish outside MSW program

251A: Advanced Social Welfare Practice: Domestic and Sexual Violence
15 seat hours per Board of Behavioral Sciences if chosen to accomplish outside MSW program

Approved BBS Vendor Websites
(Please Verify with BBS)

Gerrygrossman.com
Aspirace.com
Ce4less.com
Naswca.org

Getceusnow.com
Speedyceus.com
Zurinstitute.com

Note: Suicide Risk Assessment and Intervention (6 hours as of January 1st, 2021)